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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response is to the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 7, 2012. Please find enclosed:

☒ A copy of the Decision on Appeal dated January 25, 2012.

As the Decision on Appeal reversed the rejection of claim 27 (see pp. 20-21), it is believed this abandonment should be withdrawn. Please apply any charges not covered, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1778.

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